



## **DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE**

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### **DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES MOSQUITO ABATEMENT EFFORTS**

Reno, NV- Sections of Washoe County will be treated for mosquitoes every other Thursday, starting May 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October. Application will begin at 6:30 a.m., weather permitting. Geographic areas to be covered include west and south Washoe Valley, Rosewood Lakes, Bella Vista ranch, Double Diamond and Damonte ranch (south meadows area), Stead, Lemmon Valley and Spanish Springs Valley. The application is restricted to wetlands areas only. Residential neighborhoods are not affected.

The aerial application will be conducted by helicopter under the direction of the District Health Department's (DHD) Vector Borne Disease Program. Using an insect growth regulator, the application will prevent the emergence of biting adult mosquitoes.

Area residents are reminded to take the following precautions during the spring and summer months to prevent an increase in the mosquito population in and around their homes:

- Clear the yard area of any free-standing water that may become a mosquito breeding-ground
  - Wear long sleeves and long pants in mosquito prone areas
  - Use mosquito repellant and follow label precautions
- Repair any window screens that provide entry for mosquitoes
- Vaccinate horses for Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE)
  - Vaccinate horses for West Nile Virus (WNV)
- Report night-time mosquito activity to the District Health Department at 328-2434

For more information, please visit the DHD web site at [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov).

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